

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT  
OF MEASURE C ALLOWING NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO IMPOSE AND COLLECT  
GROUNDWATER CHARGE

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WHEREAS, the City received a letter from the "Yes on C" Committee seeking support from the City Council regarding Measure C, which is on the June 8, 2010, ballot. The Measure would allow the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (District) to once again go through the process to establish a groundwater charge in support of projects and programs to help sustain the groundwater basin; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the District adopted a groundwater charge that was subsequently overturned by Measure V in 2008, and the District is now required to submit the matter of a groundwater charge to the voters. Measure C would repeal Section 2 of Measure V and, thereby, reinstate the District's right to adopt a charge in the future; and

WHEREAS, City Council representatives and staff have worked with the District directly, through the Groundwater Banking Authority and other entities, for many years and recognize the limited financial resources available to the District; and

WHEREAS, the overdraft condition of the groundwater basin is well-established and computer model projections indicate continued lowering of groundwater levels particularly east and southeast of Lodi. Given that Lodi's pumping is part of this overdraft and lowered groundwater levels will adversely affect Lodi, staff supports the District's efforts to maintain its limited water right and the need to put its full allocation to beneficial use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby support Measure C allowing North San Joaquin Water Conservation District to impose and collect a groundwater charge.

Dated: May 19, 2010

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2010-68 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held May 19, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and  
Mayor Katzakian

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

  
RANDI JOHL  
City Clerk